## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In response to the examiner comment on pages 2 to 6 of the March 10 Office Action

that: "Applicant's election with traverse of claim 178 in the reply filed on 10/26/2009 is

acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that the claimed inventions are not

patentably distinct. This is not found persuasive because [...]

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL."

Applicant responds as:

Claims 1-268 are hereby cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more

divisional or continuation or continuation in part applications based on the disclosures in

this pending application.

Applicant further proposes a new title and abstract as:

**Proposed Title** 

Methods, systems and computer program products to facilitate the pricing, risk

management and trading of derivatives contracts.

**Proposed Abstract** 

This invention relates to methods, systems and computer executable programs to

facilitate the pricing trading and risk management of derivatives contracts on one or more

underlying via the introduction of Basis instrument Contracts (BICs). Trading may be

done in organized exchanges or in over-the-counter (OTC) markets.

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With respect to foreign patents documents cited in the applicant's information disclosure

statement (IDS), namely PCT/USOO/25292A1 Kuruc and PCT/FROO/01059 A3

Billiotte, the applicant hereby withdraw the submission of those documents for

consideration based on applicant's finding that they substantively have no impact on the

claims made in this application.

Applicant wishes to thank the examiner for suggested claims language in the office action

on 03/10/2010 and during the interview on 03/17/2010.

In view of the above proposed amendments the applicant respectfully requests that a

timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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